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SUMMARY. CHANCES OF CURRENT DIET SESSION PASSING NPT APPEAR TO HAVE IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER PAST FEW DAYS. ODDS APPEAR TO BE SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN 50/50 NOW. END SUMMARY.

1. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, EVERYONE WE HAVE TALKED WITH DURING PAST FEW DAYS HAS SAID THE NPT NOW HAS GGOD CHANCE TO BE RATIFIED DURING CURRENT DIET SESSION ENDING JULY 4. THOSE WHO SHARE THIS OPINION INCLUDE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TOGO, LDP SECRETARY GENERAL NAKA-SONE, LDP FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN KITAZAWA, AND LDP ELDERS FUNADA, CHIBA, ET. AL. THE PRESS, TOO, BEGAN TO REFLECT THIS INCREASING OPTOMISM JUNE 13.

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2. THE IMPROVED PROSPECTS FOR NPT PASSAGE ARE BASED MAINLY ON THE NOW APPARENT WILLINGNESS OF JSP, KOMEITO AND DSP TO SUPPORT NPT RATIFICATION IF THE GOVERNMENT OFFERS A FIRM PROMISE NOT TO PERMIT THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR RATIFICATION, ATTACHED BY LDP, PRIMIN MIKI HAS NOW PERSUADED THE HAWKISH LDP ELDERS WHO WERE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACHING THIS CONDITION TO GO ALONG. MOREOVER, MIKI HAS REITERATED THAT ONCE DURING THE COURSE OF JUNE 19-12 INTERPOLATIONS IN THE LOWER HOUSE AND UPPER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEES THAT HE WOULD NOT, IN FACT, PERMIT THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

COMENT. IF, AS NOW APPEARS EVIDENT, MIKI IS ON THE WAY TO SATISFYING OPPOSITION PARTY DEMANDS FOR ASSURANCES FOR NUCLEAR WEAPON ENTRY AND HAS CHECKED MUCH OF THE RIGHT-WING OPPOSITION IN THE LOWER HOUSE, PROSPECTS FOR PASSAGE THERE SEEM REASONABLY GOOD. UPPER HOUSE PASSAGE, HOWEVER, IS LESS CERTAIN BECAUSE THE LDP HAS LESS CONTROL OVER ITS MEMBERSHIP THERE AND SOME OF THE TREATY OPPONENTS ARE OUTSPOKEN INDEED. THERE IS ALSO THE TIME FACTOR. UNLESS LOWER HOUSE PASSAGE COMES BEFORE JUNE 20, NPT PROPONENTS RISK THE POSSIBILITY THAT DELAYS WILL MAKE UPPER HOUSE PASSAGE IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE JULY 4 AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO REINTRODUCE THE MOTION IN LDP COUNCILS AT THE NEXT DIET SESSION. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, WE NOW BELIEVE THAT THE PROBABILITY OF NPT RATIFICATION BEFORE JULY 4 IS SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN 50/50.
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